
FAQ for VISA to China

1. How do I apply for a visa from the U.S. to China?

When you complete the application procedure with Zhejiang University, you will receive the following documents from Zhejiang University:

- (1) The enrollment letter
- (2) JW201/202 Form (government approved admission acceptance form)

Find the nearest Chinese Embassy or Consulate and apply for a visa. You will need the following documents:

- (1) The documents from Zhejiang University (The enrollment letter & JW201/202 Form)
- (2) Visa application form
- (3) Passport
- (4) One recent Passport-sized photo with white background
- (5) Visa application fee of USD \$140

For assistance, please contact China Center: Eoife Rongmin Huo (eoife.huo@liu.edu)

2. What kind of visa should I apply for?

According to recent changes in the China Visa/Extension rules, all the students enrolled at the China Center will be required to apply for and obtain a **Short-term Student Visa (X2 Visa)** to enter Mainland China, no matter how long you plan to study at the China Center. A tourist visa is acceptable for late applicants, but additional visa fees might apply after arrival.

3. Do I have to change my visa again in China?

- (1) If you want to stay at the China Center for the Spring semester as well (for those who enroll for a full academic year), before the end of the first semester the Center staff will help you to obtain a study residence permit, which extends your stay in China for the second semester and allows the multiple entries and exits without the need of a visa during the permit validity.
- (2) If you get a tourism visa (L visa), you will have to change it to an X2 visa after your arrival in China.

4. Why can't I obtain a residence permit if I stay for one semester only?

Due to a recent major change of Chinese visa policy, one must have a study period of at least 6 months to be able to obtain a residence permit. Since each semester at Zhejiang University is shorter than 6 months, international students studying for one semester only can no longer apply for a residence permit. According to the rules of the immigration office in Hangzhou, students who plan to study at the China Center for more than one semester can apply for the residence permit at the end of the Fall semester, which will be on the condition of your attendance rate in the Fall semester with Zhejiang University (70% AND ABOVE). Please refer to the Important Visa Information document to see the visa application options available for LIU Global students.

5. How do I change my visa to a "Residence Permit" if I decide to stay in China for the Spring semester as well?

- (1) You will be informed before the end of the first semester (Fall) by the Center about the application dates and process.
- (2) Then you should collect all the required documents from Ms. Sun (Zhejiang International Dorm, Room #3504) to apply for the residence permit.
- (3) Bring the documents, passport, one passport-sized photo to the Division of Exit-Entry Administration of Hangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau at:
杭州市公安局出入境管理局
No. 35 Huaguang Road 华光路35号 Tel: 87280561, 87280539
- (4) It takes two to three weeks to get a residence permit/visa extension, and you pay the fee of 400 CNY when you pick up your passport with the residence permit stamp.

6. Is a medical check-up compulsory for the visa?

No. You do NOT have to worry about the medical check-up if you are coming to Hangzhou, China for less than a year of study.

7. How long does it take to get a visa to China in the U.S.?

In general, it takes 7-10 working days to get a visa to China.

8. Who can I talk to if I have any visa questions?

Please contact Ms. Zhou Yan (Room #3504). She is in charge of LIU student’s registrations with Zhejiang University. Her contact information is:

Tel: +86 571 795 1718

Email: yzhou@zju.edu.cn

9. What is the cost for different visa services?

(1) Regular Service

Visas can be obtained on the fourth business day.

Number of Entry	American	Citizens of other countries*
Single Entry	\$140	\$30
Double Entry	\$140	\$45
Multiple Entry for 6 Months	\$140	\$60
Multiple Entry for 12 Months	\$140	\$90
Multiple Entry for 24 Months	\$140	\$90

In addition, if students use a visa service, the service will have their own charges.

- (2) Express service: Visas can be obtained on the second or third business day. An additional fee of \$20 per person will be charged.
- (3) Same-day rush service: Visas can be obtained in the afternoon if the application is submitted before 12:00 p.m. An additional fee of \$30 per person will be charged.
- (4) Please pay by money order, cashier's check, or Credit Card (Visa or Mastercard only). Cash or personal/company check is not accepted. Please make checks or money order payable to "Chinese Embassy."

10. What do I put for “Inviter, Contact or Your Relative in China” on the application form?

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